

Commission on Self-Represented Litigants Meeting June 6, 2011 Minutes

Attendees: Judy Meadows, Becky Bird, Ed Higgins, Shirley Faust, Chris Manos, Erin Farris, Beda Lovitt, Sally Johnson, Kim Crowley, Corbin Howard, Janice Doggett, Brooke Redden

Agenda:

1. Approved minutes of 3/29/2011 meeting.
2. Self-Help Law Program: Introduction of Erin Farris
 - There is no longer a center in Sidney, but an AmeriCorps member in Billings who will travel to Sidney.
 - Child support calculations best practices (Erin).
 - They're working on how to get more attorneys involved in pro bono at the self-help centers. They will work with the Bar and the Missoula Family Law Center.
3. Celebrate the Law Day-Discussed 3 pilot programs that will occur in June (Billings on June 8th, Missoula on June 29th, Helena on June 30th). At event in Billings, speakers will include Judge Fagg on what to expect in court, Judy on representing yourself in court, Janice on how to find a lawyer, Judge Hernandez on small claims court, and Janice and Judy on Montana legal resources online.
4. Forms
 - a. Guardianship of a Minor (Minor changes to what has already been approved)-already done.
 - b. Response to change in parenting-**approved with changes**.
 - c. Estates-still with Dan McLean, will try to get by September.
 - d. Lien Release: Shirley Faust-possibly explanation on website, not necessarily forms (check with Brenda Nordlund).
 - e. Separation and Invalidity of Marriage-were not discussed, need to be sent out again to commission
5. Handbook on Civil Appeals-Sally Johnson reported that a handbook is published and sent out. The electronic version is on the law library's website, under Forms>Appeals. It is the first thing listed-the commission should approve it at the next meeting.
6. Form stealing-Look into contacting Google to get the state law library's page moved above for-profit sites in a search. In the State Bar's new website, get forms highlighted.
7. Relationship to Equal Justice Task Force-Discussed the EJTF possibly becoming a commission, and the CSRL becoming a working group or standing committee of Equal Justice Commission.
8. Next meeting: **September 14th in Kalispell**-Joint Meeting at the Red Lion, the day before the Annual Meeting.